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Just as capturing Osama Bin Laden will not stop humanity from committing acts of terrorism, policing Microsoft will not stop their anticompetitive nature. It's a question of intention. What you intend, you create no matter what protection some silly settlement puts in place. The consumer must be protected from Microsoft's self serving intentions.

This settlement, which is based on money, further promotes money as a source of power and control over people. This has got to stop. Money is getting more and more like a disease and child-like reward system than it ever was. I don't blame Microsoft for being what they are, a perfect creation from a world that worships money. But I do blame them for trying to push their views on us, you and me. I don't want their unevolved "money is might", "ours is better", "you're less", "we can buy you out", "buy our stuff or suffer" and "we think you're stealing so work harder to earn our dominion" intentions.

Instead of putting some people in place to watch their accounts, sit in their meetings and audit their bottom lines, introduce an ethical review board that will have to be convinced before any future decision Microsoft is put into place within its company. Microsoft does need a baby sitter but not for its money, for its intentions.

Or even better, let the public decide. Have an annual vote of your populations, let the billions that we are have our say in what Microsoft can and can't do like an election. Just as this E-mail opportunity was created, that's a good step to learning the multitude of different truths us consumers experience daily.

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